Export of Value Added Textile Goods

286. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's Plan to export more value added textile goods; and

(b) what are the item-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): *(a) and (b)* The Government has always given encouragement to the export of more value added textile goods. A few of measures taken can be listed as follows:—

1. High Value System operates in the Export Entitlement (Quota) Policies by which an exporter exporting high value goods gets additional quotas.
2. Past Performance (PPE) Quotas are being allotted on the basis of value and, therefore, an exporter realising higher value gets more quota.
3. Technology Upgradation Scheme has been launched by the Ministry w.e.f. 1-4-99 to get funds at internationally comparable rates of interest to the textile industry for modernisation and upgradation to facilitate production of high quality goods.
4. New Investors entitlement (NIE) system ensures quota to the new units being put up for garment manufacturing which are to install high technology machinery to improve product/quality of garments to be exported.
5. Ministry of Textiles has been emphasising the export of higher end textile goods in case of Group-II/USA even if the quota pertained to the low value textile goods.
6. Buyers Sellers meets, fairs, exhibitions etc. are organised to encourage export of value added textile goods.
7. The garment industry has been allowed duty free import of lining and inter-lining material *vide* notification dated 8-11-99 in addition to other trimming embelishments which have been allowed earlier. This will also result in export of garments, which are higher value textile goods.

8. National Institute of Fashion Technology has been organising training programme to improve professional skill of employees in the textile industry producing value added products.

Revival of NTC and NJMC Mills

287. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the revival status of NTC (WBABO) and NJMC mills; and

(b) the immediate, short-term and long-term measures to sustain production and revive these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning positive, within the period prescribed by BIFR Government is considering a Turn Around Plan of NJMC which has been prepared by IIBI under instructions from BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plans.

Investments in Textiles Industry

288. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investments made in the textiles industry during the last three years, till date, and the estimated amount spent therefor in Assam; and

(b) what effective have been taken by Government so far to create a class of professional and creative designers to support the textiles industry, to boost export in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See below*)